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For : METHOD FOR PRODUCING FITTINGS FOR THE MECHANICAL  
PROCESSING OF A FIBROUS MATERIAL SUSPENSION

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### SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the specification and claims as follows:

#### IN THE SPECIFICATION

*Please amend the paragraphs as follows (Marked-up copies of the amended paragraphs are attached as Appendix A):*

*Please insert the following heading and subheading on page 1 between the Title of the Invention and paragraph 0001:*

#### --- BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

##### 1. Field of the Invention ---